Mistrial Declared In Viereck Case

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WASHINGTON, June 24.—The second trial of George Sylvester Viereck, 57-year-old German propagandist accused of failing to register fully his activities as agent of the Nazi government, has been brought to a halt by a mistrial declared by District Judge Bolitha Laws.

The mistrial was called yesterday because one of the five women jurors, Miss Viola Fuqua, had failed to answer a qualifying question, when the jury was empaneled last Friday, as to whether any juror was acquainted with Justice Dept. employes.

Yesterday she was seen, defense attorneys said, talking to John P. M. Reddan, Justice Dept. attorney.

Viereck served a year in jail after conviction on a similar charge in 1942. Last March the Supreme Court reversed the conviction on the ground that the indictment was faulty and that prejudicial remarks had been made by the prosecution.

A new jury will be called tomorrow.